

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -  
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules  
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202  
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,  
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,  
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary, FCC Commissioners, and Chief, Media Bureau

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, the Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. In it's goals to promote competition, diversity and localism in today's media market, I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of already huge companies in the broadcast industry.

With the state of the media being all ready held in too few hands, further deregulation would be a disaster in the making. As a serious consumer of news in this country, I am disgusted with the current oligarchy of media giants; giving a further license to companies such as Time Warner and Fox to gobble up even more of the available outlets for news etc. is not only bad business in the long run, it is a bad omen for the national conscious. The deregulation process has gone too far, in my opinion, and having it go any further would be an embarrassment to the FCC, to business, and most of all to the American public. I will be watching the FCC's review process with interest, and hope to see no further deregulation.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is important that the Commission take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Thank you for your time and attention,

Ben Lefebvre